

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 3-6 and 9, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A naturally brewed alcoholic malt beverage to which caffeine is added ~~to improve foaming properties~~ during the normal brewing process.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The beverage according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the caffeine is added during boiling.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The beverage according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the caffeine is added during mashing.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The beverage according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the caffeine is added following mashing.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The beverage according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the caffeine is added during finishing.

Claim 7 (original): The beverage according to claim 1, wherein the caffeine is added in an amount equal to 10 to 300 milligrams of caffeine per 12 ounces of beverage.

Claim 8 (original): The beverage according to claim 7, wherein the caffeine is added in an amount equal to 20 to 100 milligrams of caffeine per 12 ounces of beverage.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method of improving the foaming properties of a naturally brewed alcoholic malt beverage which comprises adding caffeine to the malt beverage during the normal brewing process.

Claim 10 (original): The method according to claim 9, wherein said caffeine is added prior to or following fermentation.

Claim 11 (original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the caffeine is added during mashing.

Claim 12 (original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the caffeine is added during boiling.

Claim 13 (original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the caffeine is added during finishing.

Claim 14 (original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the caffeine is added during aging.

Claim 15 (original): The method according to claim 9, wherein the caffeine is added in an amount equal to 10 to 300 milligrams of caffeine per 12 ounces of beverage.

Claim 16 (original): The method according to claim 15, wherein the caffeine is added in an amount equal to 20 to 100 milligrams of caffeine per 12 ounces of beverage.

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